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Page 5 Page 7 My name is Mike Small. I represent Q. I'm doing fine, thank you. This should [1] [1] Ashland Construction Company, Vincent be rather brief and I appreciate you're taking [2] [2] Rizzo Construction, Inc. doing business the time to do this today. Can I have your 131 [3] as Ashland Construction Company, Joseph give full name? [4] [4] Rizzo and Vincent Rizzo. A. Vincent J. Rizzo. [5] [5] We had an off the record discussion Q. What is your home address? [6] 161 in that we were trying to figure out the A. 16 Holly lane, Wilmington, Delaware 171 [7] entities that were named by the 19807. [8] (8) plaintiff in this case. I informed Mr. Q. Sir, in August of 2002 did you own, in (9) 191 Casey that the only entity in business part, own a company called Ashland Construction [10] [10] Company, Incorporated? at that time was Ashland Construction, [11] [111 Inc., was owned by Joseph Rizzo and A. That's correct, sir. (12) [12] Vincent Rizzo. That was the entity that Q. Who else owned Ashland Construction [13] [13] was on-site at the Longwill residence on Company, Incorporated in August of 2000? [14] (141 the date of this incident. A. It was a partnership between my brother (15) 1151 Vincent Rizzo Construction Company and I, which was --1161 (16) did not exist at the time of this Q. What is your brother's name? [17] [17] incident. And as far as Joseph Rizzo A. Joseph P. Rizzo. [18] [18] and Sons Construction, I do not Q. What is Joseph P. Rizzo's home address? (19) [19] represent them but it is my A. 900 Butler Avenue, that is Wilmington, [20] [20] understanding that they are owned by a Delaware, the zip, I'm not sure of the zip [21] [21] relative of Joseph and Vincent Rizzo and code. [22] [22] neither Mr. Rizzo or Joseph Rizzo worked Q. Did you and your brother, Joseph, own (23) [23] for that company or have any ownership Ashland Construction Company, Incorporated as a [24] [24]

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interest, do not having any contact with it other than being familier, like a cousin.

MR. CASEY: Thank you, Mr. Small.

MR. SMALL: Can you hear us okay?

MR. CASEY: I can.

MR. SMALL: If you have any problems let us know. Like I said, Vincent Rizzo is here to testify regarding jurisdictione today, pursuant to Judge Brody's order. And we are still doing a search for any documents regarding the Longwill residence.

MR. CASEY: Right. There is outstanding discovery other than the jurisdiction issue. And I understand you will be getting that to me.

MR. SMALL: It is being mailed out but we are still doing a document search as that is much more extensive.

MR. CASEY: All right, thank you.

[22] BY MR. CASEY:

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Q. Mr. Rizzo, good morning.

Good morning, how are you.

partnership on August 30, 2002?

[2] A. That is correct, sir.

Q. Since that date has the ownership of the

(4) company changed in any respect?

[5] A. Actually since, since that date the

company is no longer in business.

[7] Q. As of what date was it no longer in

ten business?

[9] A. I would say as of November.

(10) **Q.** 2004?

[11] A. 2004, yes.

(12) **Q.** Did any corporate entity, or partnership

take the place of Ashland Construction Company,

[14] Incorporated?

[15] A. No. I mean, it is, I mean Ashland

[16] Construction was dissolved. And that was the

extent of it. Ashland was not operating as a

(16) company name.

[19] Q. Do you recognize the entity Vincent Rizzo

Construction Company, Incorporated?

(21) A. Correct.

[22] Q. You do recognize it?

(23) A. It is, I don't understand the question.

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{1]	know what it is?	[1]	Q. I understand I think. Did Ashland
[2]	A. It is Vincent Rizzo Construction, yes.	[2]	Construction Company, Incorporated have any of
[3]	Q. What is it?	[3]	its employees on the premises of the 3220
[4]	A. It is actually, it's a Construction	[4]	Coachman Road address on August 30, 2002?
[5]	Company, that doesn't, it doesn't really	[5]	A. Yes, it was myself and a laborer, a
[6]	operate as construction. It's just a property	[6]	helper, which was Salvador Ortiz.
[7]	holder where our office is at.	[7]	Q. Were there any other persons affiliated
[8]	Q. What is the relationship, if any, or what	[8]	with Ashland Construction Company, Incorporated
[9]	was the relationship, if any, between Ashland	[9]	on the premises of 3220 Coachman Road on August
[10]	Construction Company, Incorporated and Vincent	[10]	30, 2002 besides yourself and Mr. Ortiz?
[11]	Rizzo Construction Company, Incorporated?	[11]	A. No, sir.
[12]	MR. SMALL: As of what time?	[12]	Q. Where does Salvador Ortiz live?
[13]	BY MR. CASEY:	[13]	A. Mexico. As far as an address in Mexico,
[14]	Q. As of at any time since August 30, 2002	[14]	I have no clue what it as.
[15]	and including that date, sir?	[15]	Q. When did he return to Mexico?
[16]	MR. SMALL: Do you know when Vincent	[16]	A. I would say over a year and a half ago.
[17]	Rizzo Construction Company started to	[17]	Q. Was he in this country legally as of
[18]	exist?	[18]	August 30, 2002?
[19]	THE WITNESS: Actually Vincent Rizzo	[19]	MR. SMALL: Objection, this is for
[20]	existed for a period of time, that was	[20]	jurisdiction for Ashland Construction,
[21]	actually my father's company. It was	[21]	Vincent Rizzo Construction, Joseph
[22]	actually a union shop way back when,	[22]	Rizzo. He is not party. This is beyond
[23]	But the actual company now, the company	[23]	Judge Brody's order. I'm going to
[24]	never operated in the construction	[24]	instruct him not to answer.

Page 12 Page 10 field. It just held the property where MR. CASEY: Mike, the reason I'm [1] [1] our office was. asking, at this juncture, is it does [2] f 2 1 BY MR. CASEY: relate to venue and jurisdiction. At [3] [3] Q. As of August 30, 2002, on that date, did least it's reasonably calculated to. [4] [4] Vincent Rizzo Construction Company, What I'm interested in knowing is where [5] [5] Incorporated exist? he came across Mr. Ortiz and if he is in [6] [6] A. As of that date, the actual, the company this country, was in this country (7) [7] was to hold, held the property. Yes, there was legally, I could obtain additional [8] [8] a Vincent Rizzo Construction Company. documentation to that effect. [9] [9] On that date, August 30, 2002? I want to learn whether, for [10] [10] Correct. example, Mr. Rizzo recruited Mr. Ortiz Α. [113 [11] Were any persons affiliated with Vincent from Pennsylvania or Philadelphia, [12] [12] Rizzo Construction Company, Incorporated on the that's why I'm asking the question. (13) [13] premises at 3220 Coachman Road in Wilmington on MR, SMALL: You can ask that [14] August 30, 2002? question, that's a totally different 1151 [15] A. No. sir. question than what you asked, [16] [16] Q. What was your affiliation with Vincent MR. CASEY: If he is in the country [17] [17] Rizzo Construction Company, Incorporated as of legally then there would be [18] f181 August 30, 2002? documentation to that effect and I can [19] [19] A. It was just a property holder, the find out where the man hales from. That [20] [20] company never operated as construction, it just is the reason I'm asking. [21] [21] held property. BY MR. CASEY: [22] [22] Q. Did the company have any employees? Q. What is your understanding, sir, of Mr. [23] [23]

No, sir.

[24]

Ortiz' citizenship status as of the time that

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A. PO Box, actually, the actual mailing

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A. As far as percentage, how much commercial

Page 13 Page 15 you employed him? work, block, brick, stones, stucco. Anything [1] [1] A. At the time he had a license number, a that falls in the masonry lines. [2] [2] Social Security number, what it was, which I Q. What was the mix of your work between [3] 131 have to get back to my secretary and find out residential and business masonry work? [4] [4] as far as all the paperwork and what she A. I'm not, I don't understand the question. (5) [5] received on him. I mean, as far as I know, Q. To what extent did you work at homes as [6] 161 that's about as far as I can tell you about his compared to, you know, businesses addresses. (7) [7] like for companies, for example? status. [8] 181 Was he on your payroll? A. I'm not following his question. Q. [9] [9] MR. SMALL: He is still not following Α. Yes. [10] [10] Q. As of August 30, 2002? your question. 1111 F111 Α. Yes. BY MR. CASEY: [12] [12] Q. You employed him on that date, sir? Q. Did you do primarily residential masonry [13] {131 Α. Yes. work? [14] (141 Did your brother, Joseph Rizzo, have any A. We did residential and we did commercial [15] [15] role in the work that was being done at the [16] also. (16) 3220 Coachman Road address on August 30, 2002? Q. That's the word I should have used, [17] (171)A. No. sir. commercial. [18] [18] Q. What was his role in the company as of A. I was trying to understand what you were [19] [19] that date, August 30, 2002? trying to ask. 1201 [20] He was president of the company. **Q.** The word didn't come out, I apologize. [21] [21] What was the business address of Ashland What was the mix of your work as between [22] 1221 Construction Company on August 30, 2002? residential and commercial? [23] [23]

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[1]	address was PO Box 283. That was Manchannin,	[1]	as compared to residential?
[2]	Delaware, 19710.	[2]	Q. Yes.
[3]	Q. That was PO box?	(3)	A. I guess I really have to say probably
[4]	A. 283.	[4]	about fifty/fifty. I would say actually the
[5]	Q. And where did you actually have your	[5]	bulk of it is residential that we do, I would
[6]	physical plant where you worked?	[6]	probably say about 45 percent commercial.
[7]	A. That was actually at 1800 West 11th	[7]	Q. Did Ashland Construction Company,
[8]	Street.	[8]	Incorporated ever do masonry work in the
[9]	Q. In Wilmington?	[9]	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?
[10]	A. Yes.	[10]	A. Gosh, it is so small. I mean, it is such
[11]	Q. Did you have any other business	[11]	a small amount, if anything.
[12]	addresses, that is Ashland Construction	[12]	Q. My question is did Ashland Construction
[13]	Company, Incorporated?	[13]	Company ever do masonry work in Pennsylvania?
[14]	A. No.	[14]	A. Yes.
[15]	Q. What was your position at the company as	(15)	Q. When did Ashland Construction Company
[16]	of August 30, 2002?	[16]	first do masonry work in the Commonwealth of
[17]	A. Vice-president, secretary, and I guess	[17]	Pennsylvania, approximate date?
[18]	all the other things that went into it.	[18]	A. I cannot even begin to answer that
[19]	Q. In what business was Ashland Construction	[19]	question, I have no idea.
[20]	Company, Incorporated on August 30, 2002?	[20]	Q. Do you have records, do you believe, that
[21]	A. I'm sorry, repeat that.	[21]	would reflect your Pennsylvania clients?
[22]	Q. What did you folks do, what was your	[22]	A. I would have to go back and check. If
[23]	business?	[23]	anything for, if anything I would have to check
[24]	A. Our main line is all masonry concepts of	[24]	to see, it's probably most likely would be

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[1]	residential, which I would have to check on	[1]	Pennsylvania, where specifically?	
[2]	them records.	[2]	A. I mean, we did a couple, actually my	
[3]	Q. My question is do you believe you have	[3]	brother may have done a little bit up there for	
[4]	records that would reflect your Pennsylvania	[4]	homeowners, a couple small jobs for them.	
[5]	clients?	(5)	That's the extent of it.	
[6]	A. I don't understand that question.	(6)	Q. When did that occur?	
[7]	MR. SMALL: He doesn't understand,	[7]	A. I don't even know the dates what it would	
[8]	Matt.	(8)	have been.	
(9)	BY MR. CASEY:	[9]	Q. Did you ever do work in Pennsylvania?	
[10]	Q. Do you keep records, sir, that if one	[10]	A. Small amounts.	
[11]	were to search, one would be able to determine	[11]	Q. I know it's small amounts. My question	
[12]	precisely those clients of yours that hale from	[12]	is, if you would, just listen to my question.	
[13]	Pennsylvania?	[13]	My question at this point is, did you ever do	
[14]	A. If so, I mean, it's so small, I mean, I	[14]	work in Pennsylvania? The answer to that I	
[15]	would not even know. Like I said, there's a	[15]	assume is yes?	
[16]	very little bit amount of work we do in	[16]	A. Correct.	
[17]	Pennsylvania.	[17]	Q. When did you last do work in the	
[18]	Q. My question though, sir, is different	[18]	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?	
[19]	than, I know you want to tell me it's a small	[19]	MR. SMALL: Matt, you want his best	
[50]	amount. I just want to know, first very	[20]	estimate?	
[21]	basically, do you believe that documents exist	[21]	BY MR. CASEY:	
[22]	that would tell a person, searching for	[22]	Q. Sure.	
[23]	documents, relating to Pennsylvania, precisely	[23]	A. I would say probably six months, seven	
[24]	who your Pennsylvania clients are?	[24]	months ago.	

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[1]	A. No, I doubt it. I mean I can, the only	[1]	Q. Where?	
[2]	one I would be able to check would be my	[2]	A. Actually Lomax Carpet.	
[3]	bookkeeper and see if she can go back that far	(3)	Q. Lomax Carpet in Philadelphia?	
[4]	and whatever she could find into it, into my	[4]	A. In Philadelphia.	
[5]	file.	(5)	Q. For whom were you doing work at Lomax	
[6]	Q. What do you mean when you say go back	[6]	Carpet in Philadelphia?	
[7]	that far?	[7]	A. Actually for, actually John Manger got a	
[8]	A. I mean, go back a year and see if there	[8]	hold of me and said we need to do a little bit	
[9]	are documents in there for Pennsylvania, but I	[9]	of work up in that area.	
[10]	doubt there would even be, because there's such	[10]	Q. Who is that person, sir?	
[11]	a little amount of work that was done.	[11]	A. He is actually Air Base Carpet's	
[12]	Q. I will give you the opportunity now to	[12]	construction manager.	
[13]	tell me, if you would, in more detail what you	[13]	Q. Can you spell his last name?	
[14]	mean when you say a little amount. Can you	[14]	A. MANGER.	
[15]	give me a percentage of your business?	[15]	Q. Where does he work out of?	
[16]	A. Less than one percent.	[16]	A. As far as if	
[17]	Q. How much money do you believe your	[17]	Q. If you wanted to find him, where would	
[18]	company has earned in gross receipts, not	(18)	you call?	
[19]	profit, in gross receipts, from masonry work	[19]	A. Actually I would call Air Base Carpet in	
[20]	done in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?	[20]	New Castle,	
[21]	A. Gosh, four, maybe five thousand, if that	[21]	Q. And Mr. Manger, who to your	
[22]	seven, maybe in that area, that's what the	[22]	understanding, works out of the New Castle	
[23]	amount would be.	[23]	building, called you and told you that he	
[24]	Q. Where did your company do work in	[24]	wanted you to do some work at the Lomax Carpet	

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No. sir.

to the Lomax Carpet address?

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Page 21 Page 23 Delaware or in Pennsylvania? address in Philadelphia? [1] MR. CASEY: Any work. A. Correct. 121 MR. MINTZER: I object to the phrase **Q.** What did you do? [3] and any other of its affiliates. Gosh, just re-pointing up a wall inside [4] MR. CASEY: I understand that the stair tower. [5] objection. To the extent the witness Q. How much did you charge them for that [6] understands the question I would like to iob? [7] A. I think right around seven thousand. know, to what extent Ashland [8] Construction Company, Inc. did work for Q. I would like you, if you would, to have [9] your office check for the receipts from that Air Base. [10] MR. SMALL: That's a different job specifically? [11] A. Yes. question. [12] MR. CASEY: Why don't you let him Q. Towards the end of answering my discovery [13] answer the question. You can state your request on the subject of contacts with the [14] Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Will you do objection and we can probably get [15] that? through this. [16] MR. MINTZER: Objection to that last A. Yes. [17] Q. Did Ashland Construction Company, Inc. do (18) question. any masonry work at any other carpet marts in 1191 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania besides Lomax BY MR. CASEY: [20] Q. Sir, tell me the extent to which Air Base on that date of approximately six months ago? [21]

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-- I'm sorry, Ashland Construction Company,

A. When you say extent, I don't know what

A. I would probably say every bit of a dozen times, half a dozen times, I go up and take a look at some stuff that was, needed to be done up there. Or just different issues, a little bit of advice of what had to be done with certain things.

How many times have you, yourself, been

- Q. I'm sorry, you have been there about a half a dozen times?
- [9] A. I would say about a half a dozen.
- Q. Were you ever at that address other than the job that you told me about that you did
- [12] about six months ago?
- [13] A. No.

(18)

- Q. So the times that you were there were specifically relating to the job that you did approximately six months ago at the Lomax
 - Carpet address?

 A. Correct.
- (19) Q. On how many occasions do you believe that
- Ashland Construction Company, Inc. did work for Air Base Carpet Mart or any of its affiliates?
- 1221 MR. MINTZER: Objection to the form.
 1231 MR. SMALL: Again, when you're
- talking about work, are you talking in

- (1) you mean extent.
- (2) Q. You just told me about one job.

Inc. did work for Air Base?

- A. That's about the, I mean, that was it.
- [4] There wasn't a whole lot more after that. That
- was the extent of it from that time.
- Q. From what time? I didn't even give you a time. I just want to know any other jobs that
- you did for Air Base?
- A. I mean, Mr. Casey, I'll have to go back
- [10] and list them. I don't remember them off the
- (11) top of my head.
- [12] Q. Can you give me your best estimate? I'm
 - not asking for specific jobs. I need your best
- estimate for, start with this, the number of
- occasions on which Ashland Construction Company
- (16) was hired by Air Base?
- [17] A. Per year?
 - Q. You can tell me in any respect?
- [19] A. Per year I would say maybe once, twice a
- t20] year.
- [21] **Q.** Going back how many years?
- [22] A. I guess for a couple years, about four or
- [23] five years.
- 1241 Q. Going back to about the year 2000 you did

A. I mean, as far as where my materials

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[1]	MR. SMALL: That is clearly not what	[1)	Construction doesn't exist, as he	
[2]	you requested in the production for	[2]	testified to earlier. It ended November	
[3]	documents.	[3]	2004, how would there be a bookkeeper?	
(4)	BY MR. CASEY:	[4]	MR. CASEY: Mike, why don't you let	
[5]	Q. Did you search for any such documents?	(5)	him answer that question?	
[6]	MR. SMALL: I'm going to object to	(6)	THE WITNESS: No, there is not a	
[7]	the form. You keep asking him the same	[7]	bookkeeper for Ashland as of this time.	
[8]	question.	[8]	BY MR. CASEY:	
[9]	MR. CASEY: And it has not been	[9]	Q. Where are the records located today?	
	answered.	(10)	MR. SMALL: Again, don't answer the	
[10]	BY MR, CASEY:	(11)	question. You're going through the same	
[11]	Q. Sir, have you searched for any such	-	question eight times. You're not going	
[12]		[12]		
[13]	documents?	(13)	to get the answer.	
[14]	MR, SMALL: Just don't answer the	[14]		
[15]	question. This is getting ridiculous,	[15]	, ,	
[16]	Matt.	[16]	the Coachman Road address, in any respect, a	
(17)	MR. CASEY: All right. Mark that	[17]	block job?	
[18]	page also.	(78)	A. No, sir.	
[19]	BY MR. CASEY:	[19]	Q. Where did you receive the materials for	
[20]	Q. Sir, where physically would you look, if	[20]	at the first of Great and	
[21]	you wanted to find documents relating to your	[21]	D 11 0	
[22]	business activities with your Ridley Park	[22]	. D. 1 D. 1	
[23]	supplier?	[23]	Q. Sir, do you own any property, you	

yourself?

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[1]	would go?	[1]	A. I mean as far as where I live at?	
[2]	Q. Where would the documents be located?	[2]	Q. Do you own any properties?	
[3]	A. Certainly within the filing system, which	[3]	A. Well, where I live, my house,	
[4]	the bookkeeper would have kept.	[4]	Q. Other than your house, do you own any	
[5]	Q. Where is that filing system located?	[5]	other properties?	
[6]	MR. SMALL: Again, we're going around	[6]	A. I got, actually a place, actually a place	
[7]	in circles. Don't answer that question,	[7]	on Maple Avenue in Elsmere.	
[8]	We're doing a search, an ongoing search	[8]	Q. Where is that, in Delaware?	
[9]	but you're not going to go in and rifle	[9]	A. That's in Delaware.	
[10]	through the files. That is exactly what	[10]	Q. Do you own any properties in	
[11]	is not going to happen.	(11)	Pennsylvania?	
[12]	BY MR. CASEY:	[12]	A. No, sir.	
[13]	Q. Where are the files located?	[13]	Q. Where did Ashland Construction Company,	
[14]	MR. SMALL: Don't answer the	[14]	Inc. deposit money, if any bank?	
[15]	question.	[15]	A. WSFS.	
[16]	MR. CASEY: Mark that page too.	(16)	Q. Can you spell that out?	
[17]	BY MR. CASEY:	[17]	A. Wilmington Savings Fund Society.	
[18]	Q. Is there a bookkeeper today, sir?	[18]	Q. Did Ashland Construction Company, Inc.	
[19]	A. No.	[19]	receive any materials from any Pennsylvania	
[50]	MR. SMALL: Again, for which entity?	[20]	entity other than the Ridley Park supplier?	
[21]	BY MR. CASEY:	(21)	A. No.	
[22]	Q. For any of Ashland Construction Company,	[22]	Q. Other than actual masonry work that you	
[23]	Incorporated's documents?	[23]	would do, upon being hired for a job, did	
[24]	MR. SMALL: As of today Ashland	[24]	Ashland Construction Company Inc. engage in any	,